

Public Safety Activities Report 2nd Quarter 2014

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Police Activities

Miscellaneous Department Activities:

Retirement:

Sergeant Rick Bens retired on April 2, 2014 after almost 35 years of service with the Lebanon Police Department. Rick was hired as a patrolman on October 22, 1979. He was promoted to Sergeant on May 31, 1989. Below are a couple of photographs from Rick's retirement luncheon.



Police Memorial:

On May 1, 2013, the Lebanon Division of Police hosted a ceremony at the Lebanon Cemetery to honor Village Marshal Elmer E. Smith. He was the Village Marshal for Lebanon during the years of 1903 to 1909. This was the 3rd such program held honoring the former Lebanon Marshals. The program consisted of a welcome from Chief Mitchell, a flag and flower presentation by Communications Officer Traci Gallagher, a prayer from Chaplain Rich Harrison and closing by Chief Mitchell. Below are a couple of photographs from the ceremony.



Click It or Ticket:

On May 19th through June 1st the Lebanon Police Department participated in the annual "Click It or Ticket" National Enforcement Mobilization. This traffic enforcement mobilization also involves educational and media activities that include "Click it or Ticket" banners displayed in the community and a speed trailer on Miller Road near US RT 42. We also participated in the "Click it or Ticket" mobilization kick-off for Southwest Ohio and Warren County. The following "Click it or Ticket" criteria were reported to the Ohio Traffic Safety Office: 220 Traffic Stops, 10 OVIs, 18 Seat Belt citations, 59 Speed citations, 38 miscellaneous citations, and 7 Driving under Suspension citations.



Warren County Safe Communities Coalition:

The Lebanon Police Department continues to be an active partner of the Warren County Safe Communities Coalition. This coalition includes members from Atrium Hospital, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Warren County Health Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Warren County Sheriff's Office and several other police agencies from Warren County.

This coalition allowed the Lebanon Police Department and Lebanon Fire Department to host the first "Drive Smart - Mock Crash" at Lebanon High School in over a decade. Partners from Lebanon High School, Atrium Hospital, Miami Valley CareFight, Lebanon Electric Department and Hoskins Funeral Home created a successful and memorable event for The Juniors and Seniors just a few days before prom.



OVI Checkpoint:

Recently, the Lebanon Police Department partnered with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Warren County Sheriff's Office to host an OVI checkpoint on Columbus Ave. near Drake Rd. Nearly 700 vehicles came through this checkpoint, with one OVI arrest and one drug arrest.



Traffic and Warrant Detail:

On May 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th the Lebanon Police Department conducted a four day traffic and warrant detail focusing on criteria set by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. During this detail the Lebanon Police conducted 63 Traffic Stops and responded to 180 calls for service. The outcome for this detail was 33 citations and 16 physical arrests.

Training:

On June 3rd and 4th officers attended TASER training at the community center. Trainers Chris Brock and Dave Gehringer presented training that combined yearly TASER certification with a conversion to the new TASER X2. With the TASER Corporation no longer servicing the department's X26 model, the department converted to the TASER X2 model, which is the latest generation of "Smart Weapon Technology" from TASER. It allows for a second, semi-automatic deployment of the TASER should the first deployment miss, or not produce the desired effect. Officers may also engage two combative subjects with one cartridge each with the new system.



Arrests:

A total of 376 arrests were made during the 2nd Quarter of 2014. Twenty-one of the arrests were juveniles and the rest were adults. The most frequent offenses were Bench Warrants for Failure to Appear(38) and Drug Related Charges(63).

Traffic Activity:

During the 2nd Quarter a total of 1,040 traffic stops were made resulting in 422 citations and 342 written warnings being issued. There were 43 DUI citations, 21 juvenile citations and 358 municipal traffic citations issued.

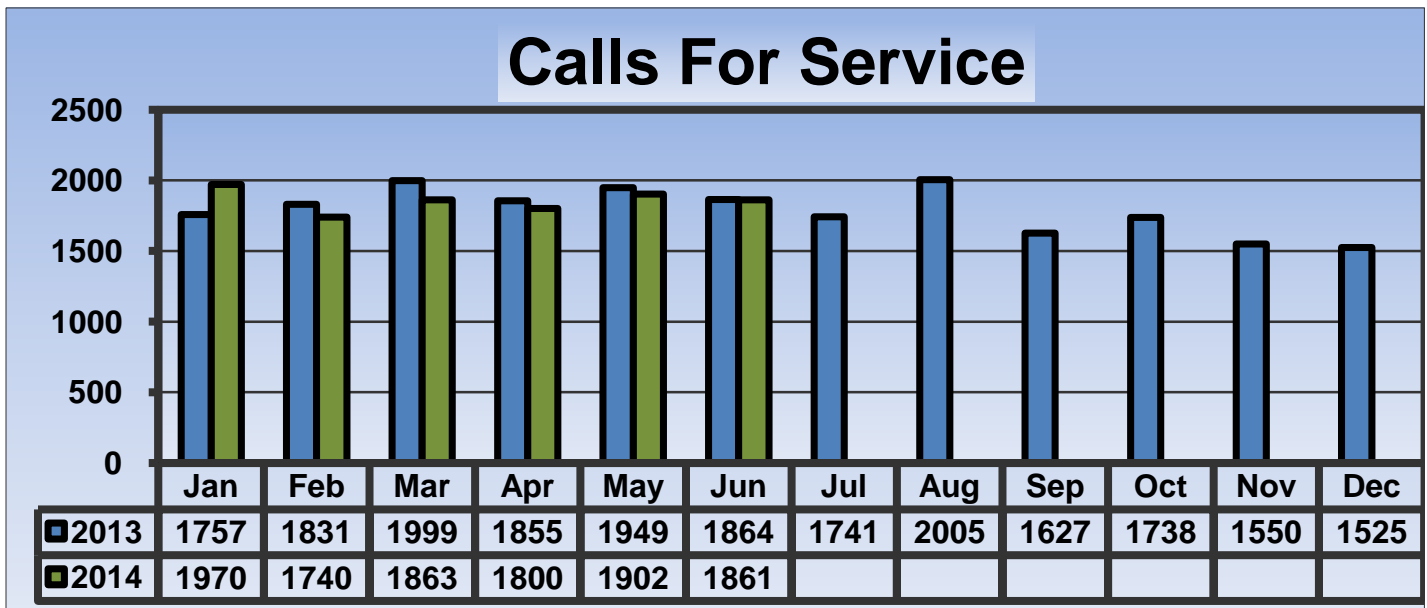
There were 93 crashes submitted to the State with an additional 38 reports completed for accidents that occurred on private property. Officers issued 87 citations as a result of these accident investigations.

Criminal Investigations:

During the Second quarter of 2014, 227 misdemeanor and 68 felony cases were reported to the Lebanon Police Division. This is a 34% increase of misdemeanor cases and a 28% increase of felony cases from the 1st quarter of 2014. The majority of the cases both felony and misdemeanor continue to be theft related. Of the felony theft cases, 25% have been cleared by arrests or criminal charges being filed against a suspect. Of the 93 misdemeanor thefts, 28 were shoplifting related. Of those shoplifting cases, 27 resulted in arrests or charges being filed against a suspect.

There has been a rash of thefts from coin operated machines at one business on the east side of Main St during this quarter. The Spot Free Car Wash has been targeted by the same suspects on multiple occasions. This investigation is ongoing and the criminal investigations section is working hard to identify and charge these suspects.

Calls for Service Comparison with Previous Year:



Fire and EMS Activity

Mock Crash

On Monday morning April 21st the Fire Division along with the Police Department, Electric Department and Turtlecreek Township Fire Department staged a "Mock Crash" demonstration for the juniors and seniors at the Lebanon High School. The event was intended to show the catastrophic and life altering consequences that can result from poor choices. The event was orchestrated by Atrium Medical Center and included all the pervious participants as well as Hoskins Funeral Home and Miami Valley Air Care. The staged event presented a very somber scene with one "fatality" and the driver removed in handcuffs following failure of a field sobriety test administered by the Lebanon Police. Care Flight and Hoskins both made removals from scene. Poems were read by LHS students and the final lesson was provided by a mother that had lost her son to a drunk driving incident several years ago.



Touch a Truck

The fire duty crew attended an event at St. Francis Desales School for Touch a Truck Day. The crew assisted many of students as they climbed on an off Engine 41 fire truck. The fire crew explained the trucks many features and how some of the tools are used at fire scenes. The students asked many questions and enjoyed spending time with the firefighters.



Public Safety Appreciation Day

The Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities held a public safety appreciation day for our Lebanon Fire Fighters in May. The on duty crew was treated to a summer cook out and an opportunity to interact with some of the clients outside of an emergency situation. The clients very much enjoyed sharing the time with the fire fighters and touring the fire truck.



Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau has been quite busy for the quarter. Fire inspections were done at 8 businesses, 1 home for child adoption and all the vendor booths at the Country Music Festival. 10 site assessments were done in the industrial park, 1 occupancy permit was issued, Smoke detectors and batteries were checked and changed for 3 residents homes and 5 local businesses had plan reviews.

Calls for Service

216 Fire Calls were answered for the quarter. 6 structure fires were reported with approximately \$52,000.00 in fire loss. 508 EMS calls were answered with 432 patients transported to local hospitals. Fire calls were down by nearly 50 percent from this quarter last year and EMS calls were down 4 percent.